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Ebook for Kids
Author publishes book online to help children cope with current reality. See page 3.

Mental Health Help
Resources are available for those who need support. See page 9.

Take Heart
Challenge to ASES community turns windows into works of art honouring frontline workers. See pages 10 and 13.

Help is on the way
Donna Gagnon carries groceries to a Haliburton resident who was self-isolating due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Gagnon and some of her colleagues and friends organized the group Caremongers Haliburton, which connects people who need assistance with those in the community willing to help. You can find them online at facebook.com/groups/CaremongersHaliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Social distancing walking with friends and getting fresh air in Minden. /Submitted

Lilly Adam, 10, drew this fun picture of herself and her sister Sophie. /Submitted by Jennifer Adam

Elizabeth and Kateri on the local hiking trails after their March break ski lessons at Sir Sam's shut down after the first day. /Submitted

D is for Dinner Pail - this one belonged to Russell Reid, who was known locally as a carpenter and handyman. His home, Reid House, was the museum's original home and this pail would have been one of the very first items in our collection. Submitted by Kate Butler of Haliburton Highlands Musuem

E is for Echo - this amazing local paper has been telling the stories of our community since 1884 and they're still busy at it even in these strange times.

F is for Freddie Freeman and his barrels of pennies. Freeman's Pine Avenue store was a favourite spot for local kids who attended the Victoria Street School around the corner during the early 20th century because he sold penny candy. By the way, those aren't actually Freddie Freeman's pennies, but this is actually his store and you can see him in this picture too. He's the one standing second from the right.

To help you visit the museum from home, the Haliburton Highlands Museum has shared its museum alphabet - one item for every letter.

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Phyliss Woodcock holds a 'thank you' sign in support of frontline health workers. /Submitted

Extendicare residents thank health workers

Don Downey, Gerane (Gerri) Tyers, Evelyn Stata and Audrey Macdonald shared thanks and well wishes for health care workers during the coronavirus pandemic, from their home at Extendicare in Haliburton. /Submitted

Free ebook to help kids understand COVID-19

Marie Gage and Audrey Ramsay have just released a free ebook that is aimed at helping young children cope with the COVID-19 situation.

Our world is a strange place to navigate these days and Gage got thinking that it must be very difficult for young children to comprehend. She wanted to do something to make it easier, something that would empower children to be a part of the solution while at the same time help them to understand that this is temporary. The underlying message is that a new, brighter day, with more of our usual freedoms, will come again if we all stick together.

To this end they have created a free ebook for you to download and read to your child. Children are encouraged to draw a picture of the new superhero, the Germ Defier, or to make a costume for themselves and take a photo. These can be uploaded to the Author Marie Gage Facebook page in the comments of the posting. Each participating child will then receive a free copy of *Blake's Monkey Adventure* in ebook format as a thank you.

The free ebook can be accessed either through the Author Marie Gage Facebook page or the Author Marie Gage website:

https://mariegage.ca/the-germ-defiers-a-new-superhero-team

Gage and Ramsay are hoping that everyone will share the link with their friends and family.

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Winners will be contacted each Thursday. Submitted entries may appear in subsequent issues of County Life.

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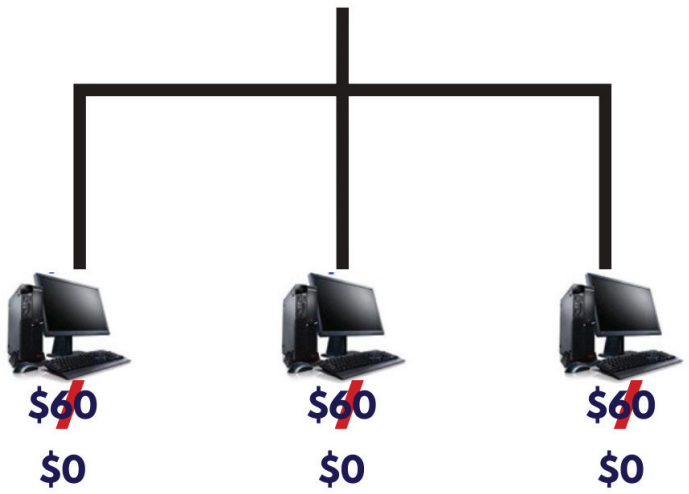

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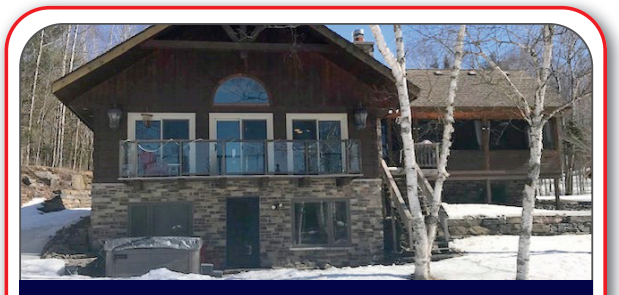

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Together Apart

LYNDA SHADBOLT
Special to *County Life*

Benton Brown, left, and Nick Russell entertained audiences online, performing a show from the Canoe FM Radio Hall last month. You can go to their Facebook page to watch it. /Screenshot

THE WORLD NEEDS music and art now more than ever. We need the beauty, the inspiration, the creativity, the aliveness, the hope. We've been physical distancing for three weeks and we are all settling into new normals. We have up days and down days. We go from hope to fear to sadness to hope to faith. We are all feeling a lot. And so when someone organizes something that is uplifting, connects us and is delightful we are appreciative.

This article is being written from my living room where my husband and I just enjoyed an hour of live music sponsored by the The Haliburton County Folk Society. Nick Russell and Benton Brown were broadcasting live through Facebook from the Canoe FM concert hall. They played a blend of covers and original music and it was fantastic. This is a beautiful example of people rising to create new possibilities during this time of the COVID virus. The Folk Society partnered with Nick and Benton and Canoe FM and, when they set the evening up they promoted it to encourage listeners to get take out dinner and support local restaurants. That is so, so, so beautiful. So much careful thought for the entire community.

There were so many things about this concert that made me smile. First of all, Benton and Nick are both gifted performers and their music was outstanding. But more than that, they are so kind and positive to each other and it was fun to watch them interact. They were performing live and people were posting comments as the show progressed. At one point Benton acknowledged that he needs to get better at using technology (he was trying to follow some posts). That made my whole evening because I feel like a dinosaur trying to figure out the technology as I try to offer some yoga classes online. I realized in that moment that I am not alone! And he is young and I'm, well, older, and I always think my age is why I struggle with technology.

We are all experiencing new normals, trying new ways of connecting and really living our lives in non-traditional ways. As we sat watching the concert, I couldn't help but reflect on how simple our lives have become, and how much I appreciate small things now. The Haliburton County Folk Society gave us an opportunity to be together, even though we are apart. I followed comments as people posted them and at one point I realized our young neighbours were curled up on the couch listening as well. I saw comments from other friends who I haven't seen in a couple of weeks. The whole hour was heartwarming, uplifting and delightful. I felt connected to our county and to the world as people tuned in from all over.

Once again I am so grateful to live in a community that continues to be creative, supportive and full of hope in times of adversity. We will get through this challenging time. We are connected even though we are apart as we practice physical distancing. Stay strong everyone. If you want to watch the concert you can go to Facebook and go to the 100.9 Canoe FM Community Radio page.

Top 10 trivial reasons this pandemic is annoying

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

IN THE seriousness of this pandemic, it can do a world of good to have a laugh. With that in mind, here are the top 10 trivial things that are annoying me about the situation we're in right now.

1. When they advise people to wear masks, they don't mean your Batman one.
2. Suddenly, there is no excuse not to clean the garage or basement.
3. There's no longer room for brand loyalty when it comes to toilet paper.
4. This will probably spell the end of fist bumping as we know it.
5. I sold my plastic bubble on eBay last year for way too little.
6. It makes me miss simpler times, like when we just worried about the bird flu.
7. All that three-legged race training was for nothing.
8. Now all the preppers think they are so smart.
9. From here on in, track pants will be considered casual wear.
10. The price of deodorant will skyrocket when this six feet of separation ends.

Stare wars

Our feeders never empty
Until last bird late spring
Though lately it's red squirrel
Who's also clamouring

And dangling off the suet
Sun-flower seeds as well
And chattering and daring me
And stopping still to yell

That stock is growing thinner
Though clearly she is not
With naughty whiskers twitching
Through window I am taught

That feeders are for squirrels
And chipmunks and raccoons
It's folly waste to share them
With silly bird-ish tunes

But I will never heed her
She tries this every year
She still makes many babies
She still acts cavalier

I bang upon the window
I curse through solid glass
I threaten her with lawsuit
She leaps onto the grass

She scolds and warns me pronto
Of course she will return

But when she scrams to pine trees
The songbirds soon discern

That meals again are swinging
Though seed stuffs rodent's cheeks
But beaks win, filling quickly
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By Deborah J Reed

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HHHS Community Programs launches HaliburtonCares.ca

Haliburton Highl ands Health Services – Community Programs has launched a new website to provide all residents of Haliburton County with up-to-date information and resources during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

The site, HaliburtonCares.ca, includes information about:

- What Haliburton County residents should do if they are feeling unwell
- How residents can continue to access regular health care
- Support available in the community, including:
  - o Access to free and low-cost food
  - o How the Community Support Services Response Team can help anyone in need, with services like grocery and prescription pick-up and home delivery
  - o How residents can access other local support services who are still operating but may have changed their normal hours or procedures
- A wide range of mental health supports, including immediate crisis support phone and text lines as well as dedicated resources for local health care workers
- How residents can help the COVID-19 response effort by volunteering their time and donating personal protective equipment (PPE)

The site also includes a form that Haliburton County residents can complete and send a message of thanks to the many health care, first responders, community support workers, and volunteers who are working tirelessly to keep the Haliburton Highlands safe.

"HaliburtonCares.ca would not have been possible without the hard work of the local team at TechnicalitiesPlus, who built the site, as well as local service providers who shared ideas and content," said Stephanie MacLaren, vice-president of Community Programs at HHHS. "We are grateful for this team effort and hope that the site will be of value to our community."

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211 Ontario can help residents access support through the pandemic

A few short months ago, Haliburton County and Muskoka District residents were planning New Year's resolutions and looking to make a fresh start in 2020. Fast forward to today, and all of our plans have been put on hold in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Canadians are adjusting to the effects of the virus in their communities – to self-isolation, school closures, work layoffs and health scares. Uncertainty is the new normal and people have difficult questions and real concerns. The problem is they're not sure where to turn for answers.

That's where 211 Ontario can help. With its award-winning, 24-hour telephone helpline and website, 211 offers referrals to an extensive list of Ontario's community and social services. It's a free and confidential resource that can make a difference to individuals and families who aren't sure where to turn, and offers interpretation to callers in more than 150 languages.

"211 Ontario realizes that people's lives have been upended at this tumultuous and challenging time," says Karen Milligan, executive director at Ontario 211 Services. "Whether callers are looking for information on shelters, food banks, financial assistance or more, 211 navigators and resource specialists are ready and waiting to help them understand and access programs that can offer support."

In particular, 211 is working diligently to alleviate stress on the public health system and on Telehealth Ontario, providing access to non-emergency health agencies, virtual mental health support, financial counselling and emergency housing links, to name but a few.

"211 has served communities during tornados, snowstorms, fires and floods, and it is ideally suited to serve Ontario residents in this time of pandemic," says Michael Nolan, chief paramedic and director of emergency services for Renfrew County. "By pointing callers in the right direction, 211 is doing its part to ensure that emergency services and health care providers can concentrate on the life-saving work they need to do at this unprecedented time."

As Ontario faces one of the most profound health and economic challenges in its history, 211 is stepping up to support those who find themselves in need. If you or someone you love requires access to non-emergency health agencies, virtual mental health support, financial counselling, emergency housing links or more, help starts here. Call 211 – three simple numbers that can make all the difference, right when you need it.

-Submitted

Financial pressures, social isolation presenting mental health challenges

Mental health supports available for residents of Haliburton County

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Mental health service providers in Haliburton County are reaching out to residents to remind them that help is available as the coronavirus pandemic increases the number of stressors people are dealing with.

"We know that people who may not have experienced anxiety to this degree right now might be experiencing more," Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, said.

"People are experiencing a lot of unknowns in terms of their employment and what that does in terms of food security and housing. And people are also needing to keep their social distance, they're more isolated and we know with high levels of poverty in our county and not 100 per cent [internet] connectivity that people are more isolated than ever."

Several new or intensified stressors arriving at once means more people in the county potentially needing mental health assistance.

Beverlee Groves-Foley, clinical manager of Mental Health Services at Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said they've seen more demand from new clients.

"I think most of our intake this week, honestly, has been new clients to our system with not being able to manage their stressors on finance and anxiety," she said.

HHHS Mental Health Services is at full staffing levels and is using phone and video conferencing to speak with most people. For those who must be seen in-person, screening is being conducted and staff wear personal protective equipment. No referrals are necessary.

To alleviate some pressure on emergency departments, those in crisis are asked to call HHHS Mental Health Services during business hours at 705-286-4575 or Four County Crisis 24-7 at 1-866-995-9933.

Point in Time, which offers services for youth, is also using phone, video, and text messaging to meet with clients. They are offering crisis services during business hours and the youth hub staff are also offering the same support, but also not in-person. Refurbished cellphones as well as phone cards are available for those who need them.

"We're working to get that out to people and we're also working to support families if they have more instrumental needs in terms of gas cards and grocery cards. Again, not in any way trying to duplicate the good work of the food banks and other organizations that are also supporting people," Cox said.

Quick access clinics, which can provide a much needed check-in for youth and families, are available too. Point in Time is taking new clients.

Cox said there are steps people can take to help alleviate some of the stress that physical distancing and self-isolation can impose. If you're feeling overwhelmed by the news, she recommends limiting yourself to a few trusted websites. For those who find that to be too much, ask a friend to filter the news for you.

Routines can help ward off feelings of anxiety and depression. "So whether you're living on your own and you've been laid off because of a COVID-related thing, or just seasonal employment here in the Highlands, think about what kind of routine you can get yourself into," Cox said.

Other helpful behaviours include getting enough sleep, physical activity, eating well and connecting with people. Going for hour-long walks has been proven to reduce depression as effectively as medication for some people, she said. Using technology that allows you to see someone's face can also make you feel like you're making more of a connection.

"If you're needing to do it by text or phone, it's still absolutely better than not connecting with people," she said.

A local group of health service providers launched a website called Haliburtoncares.ca, which features resources available in the county. Groves-Foley said webinars on isolation, anxiety and grief will be uploaded as well as materials from Point in Time and other groups.

Cox and Groves-Foley pointed out that the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic is different for everyone and that for those who have fewer financial resources at their disposal, there are more barriers to overcome.

Those who may have relied on computers at the library or would have gone to Tim Hortons and sat in the restaurant while accessing the internet on their phones no longer have those resources, Groves-Foley said. "It's really widened the gap between the have and have-not," Cox agreed.

Both organizations are working to find ways to support all of their clients and encourage anyone who is struggling to reach out. "We are here for people," Cox said.

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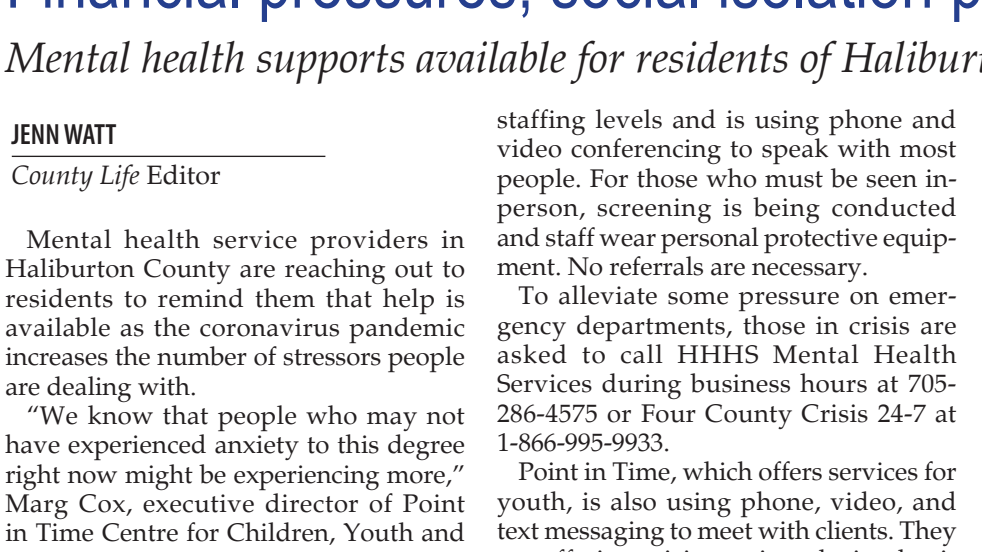

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ASES hearts for frontline workers

Ted Cumber shared this photo of Emma from Gooderham, saying she and her family "wanted to thank all the front line people who are sacrificing their own health to get us through these troubling times, the nurses, doctors, [personal support workers] and those who support these professionals. The drivers delivering, those who support the people in need in the stores, the volunteers watching out for others."

Eleanor Higgins stands in front of the Eagle Lake Country Market after decorating the storefront with hearts for frontline workers. Higgins, along with her brother Quinn, challenged fellow ASES students to decorate their windows with hearts to help encourage those in the community facing the coronavirus challenge head on after seeing the effort of Emma in Gooderham. / Submitted

Brycen, Blakelee and Benton Harrison get into the spirit of thanking frontline health workers from their home in Carnarvon./Submitted

Thank you!

Ryan, Cruz and Ames Simmons-Biskup joined in on the ASES challenge from their home in Kinmount - and then put out the word to others across the country to get involved, too. /Submitted

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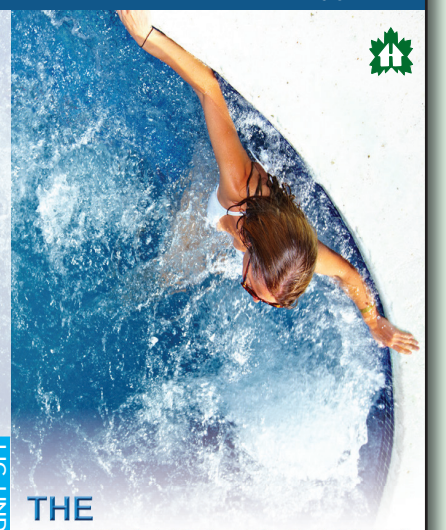

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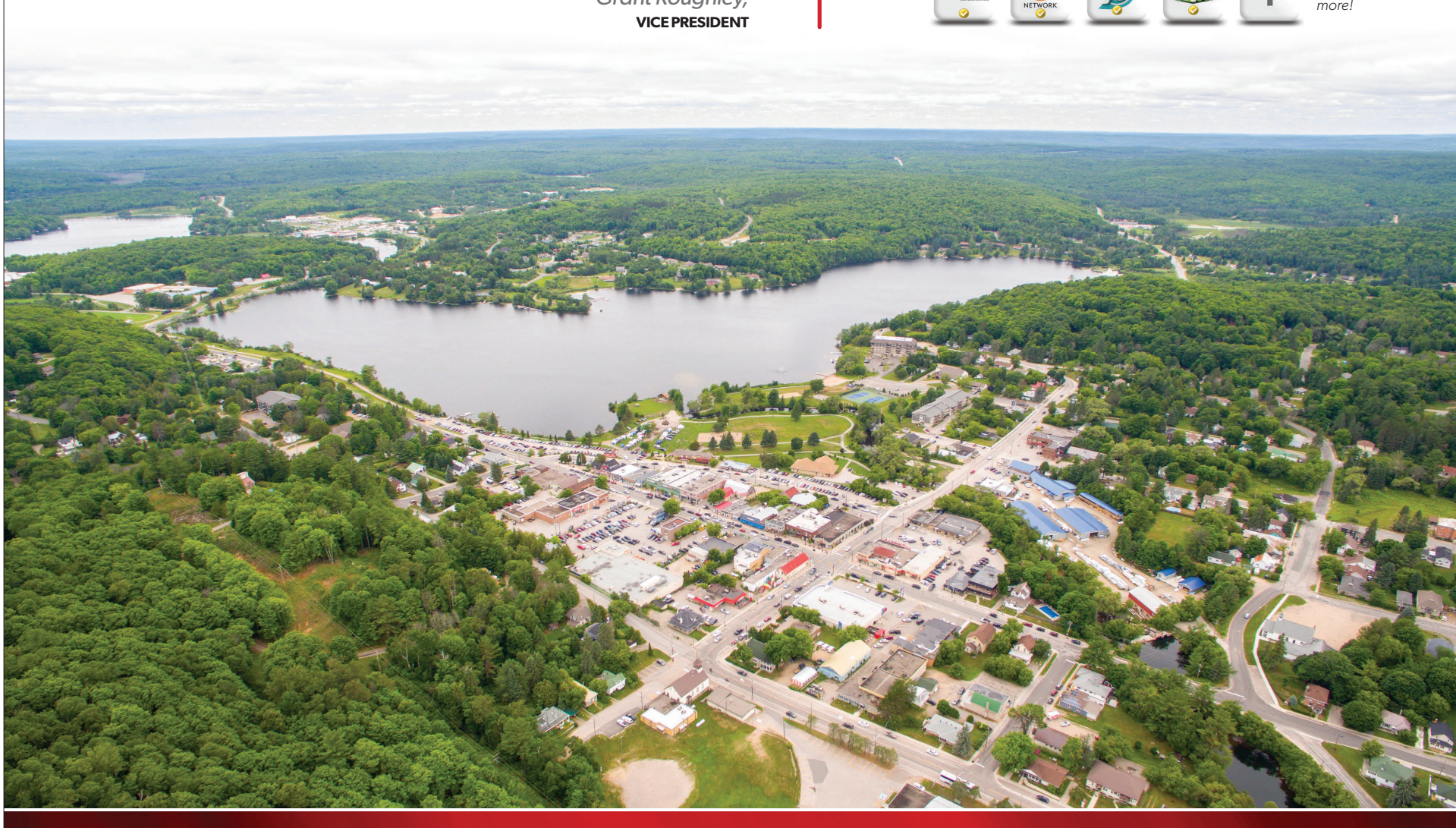

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County budget tops million mark

The Haliburton County budget has surpassed the million dollar mark. The budget of $1,061,880 was endorsed at the March 16 meeting of county council. Last year's budget at the county level was just shy of the million dollar mark at $981,600.

While the county councillors have agreed to spend over a million dollars in 1983, not all of that will be coming directly from the municipal taxpayer's pockets. A 20% portion of that amount, some $200,000 will be received through grants from the province, and revenue earned through fees charged for land division hearings, the rental for the land registry office, and several other sources of income. This means that the municipalities will have to provide $863,000 to support the county's activities.

The chairman of the management committee, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, who introduced the budget and explained the highlights from the document noted that one of the major increases this year was a $15,000 reserve fund which has been established to cover accumulated sick leave of county employees and to be used as working funds. Fearrey said the budget committee was concerned about the number of sick leave days being accumulated by the employees. He said that problems could arise if a number of long term employees, with many sick day credits, decided to retire. Under the provisions of the agreement with its employees, the county must reimburse employees for a certain number of unused sick days when they leave the employ of the county.

Under the program devised by the committee, $15,000 will be set aside during the next three years to bring the fund up to $45,000 by 1985. Fearrey suggested the $15,000 per year was not too sizeable an amount to set aside in this year of restraints.

Fearrey told the meeting the committee has recommended that the special fund be "protected" from being used for other purposes by enacting a by-law outlining its purpose. He noted this would leave the incoming county council, in December 1985, with a fund of $45,000 to cover any major requests made on the sick leave fund.

Chamber gets $60,000

With the controversial comments made by Anson, Hindon and Minden councillor Gary Kenney concerning the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce still fresh in their minds, the members of the council agreed to give the organization an additional $10,000 in funding in 1983. The Chamber's budget allotment has been raised from $50,000 to $60,000. As well, $500 has been set aside for the operation of the information booth in Cardiff Township.

Last year the Haliburton Economic Development Commission had received separate funding from the county. This year, the responsibilities of the organization have been reduced and its administration will be handled through the Chamber's budget.

Addressing the council seriously, Fearrey said the $60,000 allotment to the Chamber amounts to about one dollar per household in the county. Fearrey said he felt this amount would be judged to be reasonable, "even to those among us who have an insatiable thirst to be anti-Chamber."

The councillors were told that members of the committee had discussed the issue of the Chamber funding extensively during the committee meeting. Members include Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Lyle McKnight, Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman and Warden Bill Howe, as well as chairman Murray Fearrey. The county's representative on the Chamber of Commerce, Stanhope Deputy Reeve Elgin Stouffer, was also included in the discussion.

Fearrey seemed upset with suggestions in the Kenney report that the county "lacked responsibility" in overseeing the funds it grants to the Chamber. He noted that the Chamber provides the county with two detailed reports on its activities each year and that monthly reports are offered by the council's representative, Elgin Stouffer.

Major categories

In presenting the budget for 1983, the figures were divided into seven major sections, each related to a particular area of service provided by the county.

The largest budget section was the roads budget. $555,000 has been allocated to roads this year, an increase of $75,000 over last year.

A large section of that budget has been earmarked as the county's portion of an upgrading of County Road number one, formerly Highway 519. Under an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, the county will spend $50,000 with the provincial government contributing an additional $250,000 each year for the next five years. The province's participation was part of an agreement worked out when the county agreed with the province to exchange the Vankoughnet Road for Highway 519.

Fearrey noted that "a good deal of time" was spent on the details of the road budget. He noted that the roads provide a primary access to the county and the committee felt the expense was justified. He also pointed out that the additional construction activity will help the local economy.

An increase of $12,000 was allowed in the general government section of the budget. This section, which covers the administrative

(more on page 2)

The final stage in the produiction of maple syrup is observed by Tim Casey and his son Pat. The syrup was prepared for market Sunday following a weekend of sap collection. The Casey farm was one of three visited by members of the Haliburton County Farmer's Association in a familiarization tour Saturday.
For more pictures, please turn to page 5.

Councils share info service

A proposal to share in a promotional effort with the township of Lutterworth was approved in principle at the March 10 meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden township council. Before the vote was taken however, Deputy Reeve Ed Pergolas received a verbal slap on the wrist from the Reeve, Lyle McKnight.

The two townships have agreed to co-ordinate a joint promotional effort which will utilize land located on Highway 35 in Lutterworth Township. The site will be used for an information booth and sign board, pointing out sites of interest and activities taking place in the two municipalities.

The site is located on the west side of the highway near the Forest Echo Motel. Exact details as to how the information service will operate, when it will be staffed and how the costs will be shared have yet to be established.

The booth will be similar to ones being operated in Haliburton Village by the municipality of Dysart, and on Highway 121 by the municipality of Cardiff.

Reeve McKnight's comments to Deputy Reeve Ed Pegolas concerned an article which appeared in the March 9 edition of the Haliburton County Echo. In that article the deputy reeve was quoted as saying the council was committed to proceeding with the joint venture.

McKnight pointed out that the matter (at that point in the meeting) had not been voted on by the council. "I feel something like this should come to the council first before appearing in the press," McKnight said. "What if we decided today that we were not going to do it?" the reeve asked.

He pointed out that through the article, one member of the council had committed the entire council to a certain position. "Until we have a resolution, passed by this council, a member of council shouldn't commit this council to anything," McKnight stated.

Deputy Reeve Pergolas admitted that he had acted incorrectly in saying what the council would do prior to the council approving it.

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